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1. SINCE AMBASSADOR OUT OF TOWN OVER WEEKEND, ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR IN LIMA (LUIS VALENCIA RODRIGUEZ) ASKED TO SEE DCM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, TO DISCUSS CURRENT TENSION BETWEEN ECUADOR AND PERU OVER LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION OF PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ' SCHEDULED VISIT TO ECUADOR.

2. VALENCIA SAID THAT GOE IS CONCERNED OVER FACT THAT ON HEELS OF CANCELLATION OF VISIT THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR, JORGE MORELLI PANDO, WAS CALLED BACK TO LIMA ON DECEMBER 10 FOR "CONSULTATIONS", UND ALL THREE PERUVIAN MILITARY ATTACHES IN QCTO LIKewise RETURNED TO LIMA DECEMBER

11. VALENCIA SAID FRANKLY THAT GOE IS DISTURBED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR MAY IN FACT HAVE BEEN RECALLED INDEFINITELY, PRESAGING SUSPENSION OF NORMAL RELATIONS. ON OTHER HAND, VALENCIA RECOGNIZED THAT MORELLI MAY HAVE RETURNED SIMPLY TO DEMONSTRATE GOP'S UNHAPPINESS OVER CANCELLATION OF TRIP, AND THAT, AFTER CONSULTING WITH FONMIN DE LA PUENTE WHEN LATTER RETURNS WITH PRESIDENT, ORELLI MAY RETURN TO QUITO. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER.

3. DCM TOLD AMB. VALENCIA THAT EMBASSY HAD NO INFORMATION FROM QUITO OR ELSEWHERE WHICH WOULD THROW LIGHT ON SUDDEN
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RETURN OF PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR AND ATTACHES. DCM PROMISED TO

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR AS SITUATION DEVELOPED.

4. AS BACKGROUND, VALENCIA EXPLAINED THAT GOP FIRST BROACHED IDEA OF SHORT PROTOCOLARY STOP IN ECUADOR BY PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WHEN NAVY MINISTER PARODI VISITED QUITO IN NOVEMBER. LAST WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8, ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, VALENCIA INFORMED GOP THAT GOE BELIEVED THAT THIS FIRST MEETING IN HISTORY BETWEEN PERUVIAN AND ECUADOREAN PRESIDENTS COULD NOT (GIVEN INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION IN ECUADOR) BE LIMITED TO FORMALITIES BUT MUST TOUCH ON SUBSTANCE. ECUADOR ACCORDINGLY PROPOSED A COMMUNIQUE WHICH AMONG OTHER TOPICS WOULD MAKE REFERENCE IN GENERAL WAY TO ECUADOR'S "INTERESTS" IN THE AMAZON. GOP REFUSED FLATLY, A HURRIED TELEPHONE CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS FAILED TO RESOLVE THE IMPASSE, AND THE VISIT WAS CANCELLED.

5. COMMENT: IF AMB. VALENCIA'S APPROACH TO GOP DECEMBER 8 WAS INDEED THE FIRST INDICATION PERU HAD THAT ECUADOR WOULD INSIST ON SUBSTANTIVE TALKS DURING THE VISIT, THE CURRENT CONSTERNATION WITHIN GOP IS UNDERSTANDABLE AND PRESSURES MAY BE GREAT FOR SOME SHOW OF DISPLEASURE WITH ECUADOR. RECALL OF AMBASSADOR FROM QUITO FOR CONSULTATIONS WOULD SEEM LOGICAL MOVE. IT IS COURSE POSSIBLE THAT MINISTER PARODI WAS GIVEN SOME INKLING OF THE ECUADOREAN PROBLEM IN NOVEMBER BUT FAILED TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE AND MATTER WAS ALLOWED TO DRIFT AT BOTH ENDS. VALENCIA IS NO DOUBT MAKING THE ROUNDS OF FRIENDLY EMBASSIES IN LIMA TO LEARN WHAT HE CAN AND TO EXPLAIN ECUADOR'S SITUATION. HE HOPED TO SEE AMBASSADOR MORELLI AS WELL.

6. WHILE NOT ENTIRELY EXPLAINING TIMING OF MORELLI'S SUDDEN TRIP, ANOTHER LIKELY FACTOR WHICH MAY BEAR UPON IT IS THAT HE IS IN LINE FOR A SENIOR POST IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHEN SEVERAL EXPECTED CHANGES OCCUR IN NEAR FUTURE.
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